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1. In May 1954, a medium-range submarine, [REDACTED] sailed eastward out of Odessa harbor, followed shortly by six torpedo boats towing two target sleds each. The targets were of the ordinary frame type. Two or three hours later, a small destroyer was observed laying a smoke screen at a point 4 or 5 miles east of Odessa.
2. In June 1954, a Soviet naval force composed of four small vessels was maneuvering near the Russo-Turkish border. Farther north, other Soviet warships were conducting gunnery exercises, including the use of mobile targets.
3. Approximately 120 Soviet soldiers of special ranger units embarked, in mufti, in the Soviet merchant vessels: BRYA, ROSSIYA, RETO, VELIKIY, and UKRAINA. It is believed that after training cruises in the Black Sea they will participate in landing exercises in the Crimea.

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